Use of Hindi Typewriter in Ministry of Agriculture

†3566. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such offices under his ministry / department where there is not a single Hindi typewriter;

(b) the reasons for not procuring Hindi typewriter so far together with the names of the officers responsible for such negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that the targets fixed for purchase of Hindi typewriters in the annual programme released by the Department of Official Language relating to implementation of Hindi are properly achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Hindi Typewriters / Electronic Bilingual Typewriters are available in the offices of Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture as per their requirement.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Targets prescribed by the Deptt. of Official Language are brought to the notice of all the offices. Quarterly progress reports regarding use of Hindi are also obtained from such offices. These reports are reviewed and shortcomings observed, if any, are brought to the notice of concerned offices for taking up corrective measures.

Food Credit Consortium

3567. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) has the department of Cooperation, Government of India taken any steps to ensure that Cooperative Banks of Punjab are given preference in financing National Consortium such as Food Credit Consortium etc; and

(b) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Cooperative banks of Punjab are already members of various credit consortiums including national

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.